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SUBJECT: DIMITRIOU LETTER TO POST ON LIFTING EMBARGO

FOLLOWING LETTER FROM CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU APPEARED  
IN APRIL 8 WASHINGTON POST:

QTE. WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR MARCH 29 LEAD EDITORIAL, "A  
NEW LOOK AT CYPRUS," I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING  
REMARKS:

THE CYPRUS ISSUE CANNOT POSSIBLY BE SET TO ONE SIDE FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF GETTING ON WITH RESTORING FIRM AMERICAN TIES  
WITH TURKEY AND GREECE SO LONG AS IT HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED.  
SINCE THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS IN JULY 1974, THE  
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CYPRUS PROBLEM HAS BEEN HAVING AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE  
RELATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES WITH BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY,  
AND WILL CONTINUE DOING SO, IF IT IS NOT TACKLED DECISIVELY  
ON THE BASIS OF THE U.N. RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS, WHICH CALL  
FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TURKISH TROOPS (ABOUT 40,000)  
STILL OCCUPYING 40 PERCENT OF THE AREA OF CYPRUS, THE RETURN  
OF THE 200,000 REFUGEES, ETC.

THE EMBARGO WAS IMPOSED BY THE AMERICAN CONGRESS TO UPHOLD  
THE RULE OF LAW, CONSIDERING THAT U.S. ARMS AND EQUIPMENT

HAVE BEEN ILLEGALLY USED BY THE TURKS IN THEIR INVASION  
AND CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS. THE RELEVANT LAW  
SPECIFIES THAT THE EMBARGO COULD ONLY BE LIFTED IF SUB-  
STANTIVE PROGRESS WERE MADE ON THE QUESTION OF RESOLVING  
THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. SO FAR NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, SO  
THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION, FOR THE TIME BEING AT LEAST,  
TO LIFT THE EMBARGO.

THE TURKISH SIDE SO FAR HAS BEEN INTRANSIGENT AND UNCOM-  
PROMISING IN ITS POLICY TOWARD CYPRUS. TO LIFT THE  
EMBARGO WITHOUT A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE  
TURKS WOULD SIMPLY ENCOURAGE THEIR LACK OF CONCILIATION  
AND MODERATION, BUT VIRTUALLY UNDERMINE ALL EFFORTS TO GET  
THEM TO SUBMIT SUBSTANTIVE AND NEGOTIABLE PROPOSALS (AS  
THEY HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO DO) FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE  
TALKS BETWEEN THE GREEK CYPRIOTS AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

THE RESUMPTION OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY, IRRESPECTIVE OF  
WHETHER OR NOT SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED  
TOWARD A CYPRUS SOLUTION, WOULD BE MUCH MORE COUNTER-  
PRODUCTIVE THAN SUPPOSEDLY THE EMBARGO HAS BEEN. IN THIS  
RESPECT, IT SHOULD BE OBSERVED THAT PERHAPS THE EMBARGO  
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HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN THE SUPPORT THAT IT WARRANTED. THIS  
HAS EMBOLDENED TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE, AND SO FAR UNDER-  
MINED HOPE OF SUCCESS OF THE EMBARGO IN THE DIRECTION OF  
OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. UNQTE. VANCE

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